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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Dear authors, I have reviewed your manuscript entitled "Treatment of Early Stage Colon Cancer: Current Standards, Evolving Paradigms and Future Directions". You summarized the current standards and future trends in treatment of early stage colon cancer patients. It is a well written review dealing about important issues in the treatment of colon cancer patients. But in my opinion the text is too voluminous and lengthy. You should shorten and shape the content (e.g. section "duration of AC", "adjuvant therapy"), so that the important issues are more concise. Furthermore, please revise the manuscript carefully regarding spelling errors and editing issues: - headings and text within the tables are not uniform - wrong placing of heading Table 3 - revise Figure 1 due to readability aspect - please remove "%" on page 5, line 4 - revise "sage" to "stage" in heading page 18 - replace "6" to "six" on page 20, second paragraph - change "Stage" to "stage" on page 31 last paragraph - please revise "back bone" to "backbone" - please insert a blank between text and reference data within the text Best regards



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The title/subject is very interesting and topical, the manuscript is well structured. It is a thorough review about current standard treatment and evolving treatment in an early non-metastatic stage (stage I to III). Authors made excellent work, however, to improve this excellent review I suggest including the following in the Introduction section: - short statement, that colorectal carcinogenesis is a multistage process and it is curable disease, if diagnosed and removed very early at the precancerous or adenoma stage. Include that in clinical practice efforts have been directed toward identification and removal of precancerous lesions. Screening programs, which are based upon detection and removal of adenomas, have been implemented in a number of countries on nationwide scale. The early detection of cancer increases the likelihood of successful outcomes. However, although screening programs are promising and represent one of the important steps in reducing the mortality due to CRC (Orlando et al., 2008), reports demonstrate that there is still 25% of false-negative results due to flat or depressed precancerous lesions, which are commonly missed during conventional colonoscopy. - Short description about the stages of colon cancer (stage 0, stage I, stage II A-C, stage III A-C, stage IV A-C) to introduce the reader with the staging system and to avoid potential misconceptions (description can be made very briefly in special box or as schematic figure with the description) - since all information in the manuscript refer to particular staging system.